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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

1. COMMITTEE II ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS ARTICLES 3 THROUGH 13 OF THE ANNEX AND THE THREE RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY THE TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE. ANTICIPATE REMAINING ARTICLES WILL BE ADOPTED TOMMORROW (WP MAY). FOR INFORMATION AND USE BY J.W. WEATHERFORD (OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY), RESOLUTION ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND ARTICLE 7, 8 AND 9

QUOTE BELOW:

BEGIN TEXT: "DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS FOR ANNOUNCING AND IDENTIFYING MEDICAL TRANSPORTS PROTECTED UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 AND ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS THERETO. THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS, GENEVA, 197-

CONSIDERING

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(A) THAT IT IS VITAL THAT DISTINCTIVE AND RELIABLE

COMMUNICATIONS BE USED FOR IDENTIFYING AND ANNOUNCING THE MOVEMENT OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTS;

(B) THAT ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THE MOVEMENT OF A MEDICAL TRANSPORT ONLY IF IT IS IDENTIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRIORITY SIGNAL SUCH AS "RED CROSS", "HUMANITY", "MERCY" OR OTHER TECHNICALLY AND PHONETICALLY RECOGNIZABLE TERM;

(C) THAT THE WIDE RANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A CONFLICT MAY OCCUR MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SELECT IN ADVANCE SUITABLE RADIO FREQUENCIES FOR COMMUNICATIONS;

(D) THAT THE RADIO FREQUENCIES TO BE EMPLOYED FOR COMMUNICATING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND MOVEMENT OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTS MUST BE MADE KNOWN TO ALL PARTIES WHO MAY USE MEDICAL TRANSPORTS; AND

HAVING NOTED

(A) RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, 1973, RELATING TO THE USE OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR ANNOUNCING AND IDENTIFYING HOSPITAL SHIPS AND MEDICAL AIRCRAFT PROTECTED UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949;

(B) RECOMMENDATION NO. MAR 2-17 OF THE ITU WORLD MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE, GENEVA, 1974, RELATING TO THE USE OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR MARKING, IDENTIFYING, LOCATING, AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT PROTECTED UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS AND UNDER ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS OF THOSE CONVENTIONS, AS WELL AS FOR ENSURING THE SAFETY OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF STATES NOT PARTIES TO AN ARMED CONFLICT; AND

(C) THE MEMORANDUM BY THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD (IFRB) A PERMANENT ORGAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU), RELATING TO THE NEED FOR NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION ON RADIOCOMMUNICATION MATTERS; WHILE RECOGNIZING

(A) THAT

-THE DESIGNATION AND USE OF FREQUENCIES, INCLUDING THE USE OF DISTRESS FREQUENCIES,
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-THE DISTRESS, ALARM, URGENCY AND SAFETY SIGNALS, AND
-THE ORDER OF PRIORITY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE
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ARE GOVERNED BY THE RADIO REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION;

(B) THAT THESE REGULATIONS MAY BE REVISED ONLY BY A COMPETENT ITU WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC); AND

(C) THAT THE NEXT GENERAL WARC IS PLANNED FOR 1979 AND
THAT WRITTEN PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISION OF THE RADIO
REGULATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENTS ABOUT ONE
YEAR BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE;
REQUESTS
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE TO TRANSMIT THIS DOCUMENT
TO ALL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO THE
PRESENT CONFERENCE, TOGETHER WITH THE ATTACHMENTS REPRESENTING THE REQUIREMENTS BOTH FOR RADIO FREQUENCIES AND FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF AN APPROPRIATE PRIORITY SIGNAL WHICH MUST BE SATISFIED IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF A COMPETENT GENERAL WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE; AND FURTHER, RESOLVES
THAT THE GOVERNMENTS INVITED TO THE PRESENT CONFERENCE BE INFORMED OF ITS CONCERN THAT THEY MAKE, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THE APPROPRIATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERAL WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN 1979 SO THAT THE VITAL REQUIREMENTS OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROTECTED MEDICAL TRANSPORTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS MAY BE ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR IN THE RADIO REGULATIONS.
ATTACHMENTS: ARTICLES 7, 8 AND 9 OF THE ANNEX TO DRAFT PROTOCOL I.
DRAFT ARTICLE 7: RADIO SIGNAL
DRAFT ARTICLE I: ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION
DRAFT ARTICLE 9: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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ARTICLE 7-RADIO SIGNAL

1. THE RADIO SIGNAL SHALL CONSIST OF A RADIOTELEPHONIC OR RADIOTELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE PRECEDED BY A DISTINCTIVE PRIORITY SIGNAL TO BE DESIGNATED AND APPROVED BY A WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION. IT SHALL BE TRANSMITTED THREE TIMES BEFORE THE CALL SIGN OF THE MEDICAL TRANSPORT INVOLVED. THIS MESSAGE SHALL BE TRANSMITTED IN ENGLISH AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS ON A FREQUENCY OR FREQUENCIES SPECIFIED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3. THE USE OF THE PRIORITY SIGNAL SHALL BE RESTRICTED EXCLUSIVELY TO MEDICAL UNITS AND TRANSPORTS.

2. THE RADIO MESSAGE PRECEDED BY THE DISTINCTIVE PRIORITY SIGNAL MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 SHALL CONVEY THE FOLLOWING DATA:

(A) THE CALL SIGN OF THE MEDICAL TRANSPORT

(B) POSITION OF THE TRANSPORT

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(C) NUMBER AND TYPE OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTS

(D) INTENDED ROUTE

(E) ESTIMATED TIME ENROUTE AND DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL, AS APPROPRIATE

(F) ANY OTHER INFORMATION SUCH AS FLIGHT ALTITUDE, RADIO FREQUENCIES GUARDED, LANGUAGES AND SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR MODES AND CODES.

3. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES BEGIN BRACKETS 23...32 INCLUSIVE END BRACKETS OF THE PROTOCOL, THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE PARTIES TO A CONFLICT, OR ONE OF THE PARTIES TO A CONFLICT, ACTING IN AGREEMENT OR ALONE, MAY DESIGNATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS IN THE RADIO REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION, AND PUBLISH SELECTED NATIONAL FREQUENCIES TO BE USED BY THEM FOR SUCH COMMUNICATIONS. THESE FREQUENCIES SHALL BE NOTIFIED TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE APPROVED BY A GENERAL WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 8-ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION

1. THE SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR (SSR) SYSTEM, AS SPECIFIED IN ANNEX 10 TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION OF 7 DECEMBER 1944, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, MAY BE USED TO IDENTIFY AND TO FOLLOW THE COURSE OF MEDICAL AIRCRAFT. THE SSR MODE AND CODE TO BE RESERVED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MEDICAL AIRCRAFT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE PARTIES TO A CONFLICT, ON ONE OF THE PARTIES TO A CONFLICT, ACTING IN AGREEMENT OR ALONE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

2. PARTIES TO A CONFLICT MAY, BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM, ESTABLISH FOR THEIR USE A SIMILAR ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICAL VEHICLES, AND MEDICAL SHIPS AND CRAFT.

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ARTICLE 9-RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

IN APPLICATION OF THE PROCEDURES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE BEGIN BRACKETS 23...32 INCLUSIVE END BRACKETS OF THE PROTOCOL, APPROPRIATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BY MEDICAL UNITS AND TRANSPORTS MAY BE PRECEDED BY THE PRIORITY SIGNAL REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE PRESENT ANNEX. END QUOTE
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2. COMPLETE TEXT WILL BE POUCHED WHEN ADOPTED. ABRAMS

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